Extortions by militants in North-East

1548. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in insurgency ridden North-Eastern States, black economy is thriving and major militants outfits have their own extortion territory;

(b) whether Government are also aware that in a study, the New Delhi based institute for Conflict Management has reported that the worth of undeclared transactions in the seven States was 18000 crore;

(c) whether Government are aware that the militant outfits are diverting funds of rural development and the commodities meant for PDS, in the open market; and

(d) if so, what Government propose to do to curb such activities in the North Eastern States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) Terrorist groups active in North Eastern States reportedly extort money. There is possibility that a portion of money allocated for developmental activities might be siphoned off by the militants in certain areas. Exact extent of undeclared transactions cannot be specified.

(d) Government have taken a number of steps to check the menace of extortion which, *inter alia,* includes payment of salaries by cheques and stregthening of security on the National Highways and major roads. State Government have been advised to ensure that funds are used for the purpose for which they are given.

Harassment of women

†1549. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any reduction in the cases of domestic violence and harassment against women during the last year; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the state-wise and year-wise statistics regarding dornestic violence against women during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) The statistics compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), show that in 2005 there has been a decrease of 3.4 per cent in the cases of Dowry Death and decrease of 10.8 per cent in the cases reported under Dowry Prohibition Act, as compared to the previous year. Torture cases (cruelty by husbands and relatives) showed a marginal increase of 0.3 per cent over the same period.

A statement showing the State-wise and year-wise incidents of 'Dowry Death', 'Torture' and cases under 'Dowry Prohibition Act' during 2003,2004 and 2005 is enclosed.

Statement

Incidents of 'Dowry Death', Torture and cases under 'Dowry Prohibition Act'

Sr. No.	STATES	Torture (Sec. 498A IPC) (the cruelty by husband relatives)			Cases of Dowry Death (Sec. 302.304-B IPC) and			Cases under Dowry Prohibition Act		
		2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
1.	ANDHRA PRADESH	8167	8388	8696	466	512	443	195	339	306
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	14	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.	ASSAM	1808	1945	2206	60	74	99	92	36	82
4.	BIHAR	1880	2679	1574	909	1029	1014	706	1220	789
5.	CHHATTISGARH	601	741	732	79	71	100	16	7	5
6.	GOA	24	17	11	2	2	2	0	0	0
7.	GUJARAT	3684	3955	4090	54	58	48	0	0	0
8.	HARYANA	1618	2026	2075	222	251	212	3	6	7
9.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	221	252	228	6	8	2	7	5	1
10.	JAMMU & KASHMIR	71	82	76	10	9	5	4	2	0 .
11.	JHARKHAND	559	588	590	262	275	257	261	199	313
12.	KARNATAKA	1704	1588	1883	194	259	261	341	337	361
13.	KERALA	2930	3222	3283	33	31	21	4	2	4
14.	MADHYA PRADESH	2938	3436	2989	648	751	739	29	40	36

		2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
15.	MAHARASHTRA	5452	5646	6233	368	314	341	29	21	23
16.	MANIPUR	4	2	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
17.	MEGHALAYA	4	5	3	0	2	1	0	0	0
18.	MIZORAM	3	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
19.	NAGALAND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20.	ORISSA	1289	1192	1671	279	319	334	412	532	446
21.	PUNJAB	987	801	729	110	113	99	3	7	5
22.	RAJASTHAN	5733	6781	5997	389	379	361	3	13	1
23.	SIKKIM	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
24.	TAMILNADU	1555	1437	1650	220	225	215	175	294	193
25.	TRIPURA	247	302	439	20	20	34	0	0	0
26.	UTTAR PRADESH	2626	4950	4505	1322	1708	1564	367	477	586
27.	UTTARANCHAL	317	405	272	93	82	63	1	2	2
28.	WEST BENGAL	4948	6334	6936	329	396	446	17	36	18
	TOTAL (STATES)	49385	56779	56901	6075	6888	6665	2665	3575	3178
29.	A&N ISLANDS	7	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
30.	CHANDIGARH	93	73	75	1	6	3	0	0	0
31.	D&N HAVELI	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
32.	DAMAN & DIU	0	4	3	1	0	1	0	0	0
33.	DELHI	1211	1254	1324	130	126	114	14	11	9
34.	LAKSHDWEEP	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35.	PONDICHERRY	4	2	6	1	6	4	5	6	17
	TOTAL (UTs)	1318	1342	1418	133	138	122	19	17	26
	TOTAL (ALL-INDIA)	50703	58121	58319	6208	7026	6787	2684	3592	3204

SOURCE: CRIME IN INDIA-NCRB, COMPILATION.

Security of elderly people in metro cities

1550. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that slack policing in the Capital continues to put elders at risk;

(b) whether it is a fact that incidents of crime against senior citizens witnessed a spurt over the past few months in Delhi and Mumbai, as compared to the rest of metro cities, if so, the reasons therefore, and